
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 213.003-D3)

In the Application of: YE, ET AL.) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No: DIVISIONAL OF 10/677,563) Examiner:
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Filed: JANUARY 23, 2004)
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING)
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows: